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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN DRAFT LEGISLATION AND COMPENSATION TO VICTIMS  
OF NAZISM

REF: STATE 208310

1. EMBASSY CONSULAR COUNSELOR DISCUSSED DRAFT LEGISLATION QUESTIONS  
WITH DR. GEORGE WEISS, VIENNA REPRESENTATIVE JEWISH MATERIAL  
CLAIMS AND BRITISH LEGAL ATTACHE.

2. AFTER POSITIONS AND COMMENTS RE TEXT DRAFT LEGISLATION,  
ESPECIALLY WITH REFERENCE TO IMPLEMENTATION PLANS AND PROCEDURES,  
WERE EXCHANGED, FOLLOWING WAS PROPOSED:

A. INASMUCH AS NO GROUND EXISTS FOR HIGH OR MID-LEVEL RE-  
PRESENTATIONS BY U. S. OR BRITISH EMBASSIES TO AUSTRIANS ON  
ESSENTIALLY DOMESTIC LEGISLATION INCIDENTALLY AFFECTING U. S.  
AND BRITISH NATIONALS OF AUSTRIAN ORIGIN, EMBASSY PLANS LOW-  
LEVEL EXCHANGES TOGETHER WITH BRITISH REP WITH AUSTRIAN OFFICIAL  
RESPONSIBLE FOR DRAFT PREPARATION IN ATTEMPT EFFECT  
IMPLEMENTATIONAL CHANGES IN DRAFT. DR. WEISS BELIEVES SUCH  
EFFORTS SHOULD PROVE FRUITFUL AND YET PERMIT US TO AVOID APPEARING  
MEDDLE IN AUSTRIAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. ORIGINAL DRAFT HAS BEEN  
CIRCULATED AMONG 130 GOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE AGENCIES TO  
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ELICIT COMMENT. BOTH EMBASSIES HAVE CONTACTS WHICH MAY PRO-

FITABLY BE EXPLOITED, IF NECESSARY, TO OBTAIN SUPPORT FOR  
DESIRED TEXTUAL CHANGES. IT IS VERY LIKELY DR. WEISS WILL BE  
GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR DISBURSEMENT FUNDS (15,000 AUSTRIAN  
SCHILLINGS EQUIVALENT \$795) PER PERSECUTEE IN DISTRESS  
(HOPEFULLY, CRITERIA FOR PROVING DISTRESS CAN BE SIMPLIFIED TO  
ENABLE MOST AGED U. S. CITIZEN EX-PERSECUTEES TO BE FOUND  
ELIGIBLE BENEFITS).

3. WEISS HAS PRESUMABLY BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH U. S.  
BACKERS ON THESE PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS. HUMES

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